GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF SSI UNITS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of small scale industrial units have been closed down over the decades in Assam;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in reviving them;

(c) whether the recommendations of Kapur Committee in respect of SSI units have been accepted; and

(d) if so, the status of implementation of these recommendations so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The information on closed units is not maintained centrally. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), however, compiles data on sick SSI units financed by scheduled commercial banks. As per RBI, there were 11,445 sick SSI units in Assam at the end of March, 2000. The Government is fully seized of the incidence of industrial sickness among SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units, which inter alia include institutional mechanism in the form of State-level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs), Special Rehabilitation Cells in banks and State Financial Institutions; and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units.

(c) & (d): Out of 126 recommendations made by Kapur Committee, 84 have been examined and decisions taken on their acceptance or otherwise. 70 recommendations have been accepted and implemented. The remaining 42 recommendations are under examination with Government and other agencies.